

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7 and 17-24 and 27 are pending in this application. Claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 17, 19 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kumar. Claims 24 and 27 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kumar in view of Effmert. Claims 1-4 and 7 are allowed.

The applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-4 and 7.

The rejected claims are cancelled herein to place the application in condition. The applicants do not agree with the claim rejections and reserve the right to present additional arguments in a continuing application.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of the application with claims 1-4 and 7 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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